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☒ Enclosed are:

☒ a copy of the Notification Of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 In The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US);

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☒ a copy of the English translation of the claims of the International Application as filed

☒ a copy of the English translation of the claims as amended in the PCT Article 19 Amendment

☒ payment in the amount of \$130 for

☐ application filing fee;

☐ fee for additional claims; and

☒ furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date

☐ Other:

☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Respectfully submitted,  
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Translation of the application into English. The current translation of the application into English is defective as described below. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
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